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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these references is attached.

Documents AA and AB were cited in a European Search Report dated November 24, 2004. A copy of the search report is also attached.

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